

We claim:

1. An installation module comprising:
an encrypted software module; and
an executive for decrypting the encrypted software module when at least one of a set of trigger files is stored on a computing system.
2. The installation module of claim 1 and further comprising a database for identifying the trigger files.
3. The installation module of claim 2, wherein the database includes a key for decrypting the software module.
4. The installation module of claim 3, wherein the key is encrypted.
5. The installation module of claim 2, wherein the database includes a hash value for each of the trigger files.
6. The system of claim 1, wherein the encrypted software module is a cryptographic software module.

7. The system of claim 6, wherein the encrypted software module is a dynamic-link library (DLL) for providing a secure socket layer (SSL).

8. The system of claim 1, wherein the encrypted software module resides on a computer-readable medium.

9. A software system comprising:

an installation module comprising:

an encrypted software module, and

an executive for decrypting the encrypted software

module when at least one of a set of trigger files

is stored on a computing system; and

a setup program for invoking the executive and loading the decrypted software module onto a computing system.

10. The software system of claim 9, wherein the setup program loads one of the trigger files onto the computing system.

11. The software system of claim 10, wherein the setup program retrieves the loaded trigger file from an Internet website.

12. The software system of claim 9, wherein the encrypted software module is a cryptographic software module.

13. The software system of claim 12, wherein the encrypted software module is a dynamic-link library (DLL) for providing a secure socket layer (SSL).

14. The software system of claim 9, wherein the encrypted software module resides on a computer-readable medium.

15. A computing method comprising:

decrypted an encrypted software module when at least one of a set of trigger files is stored on a computing system; and

loading the decrypted software module onto the computing system.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the decrypting step includes determining whether a prior version of the encrypted software module is stored on a computing system.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the determining step includes retrieving hash values for the trigger files from a database.

18. The method of claim 15, wherein the decrypting step includes retrieving a cryptographic key from a database.

19. The method of claim 15 and further including loading one of the trigger files onto the computing system

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the loading step includes retrieving the loaded trigger file from an Internet website.

21. The method of claim 15, wherein the loading step includes loading a cryptographic software module.

22. The method of claim 15, wherein decrypting the encrypted software module includes retrieving the encrypted software module from a computer-readable medium.

23. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions to cause a computing system to perform the method of claim 15.